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This application has been examined Responsive to comments

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire THREE (3) month(s), 15 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133.

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION:

- Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
- Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449
- Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474

Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948.

Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 8-10 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims 7 have been cancelled.

3. Claims _____ are allowed.

4. Claims 1-4, 6 are rejected.

5. Claims 5, 8-10 are objected to.

6. Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. This application has been filed with informal drawings while subject matter is indicated.

8. Allowable subject matter having been indicated, formal drawings are acceptable for examination purposes until such time as allowable subject matter is indicated.

9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on 2 Dec 2002. These drawings are acceptable; not acceptable (see explanation).

10. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed drawing changes have been approved by the examiner. Disagreement is expressed in the attached letter "INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES", PTO-1474.

11. The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been approved. Disagreement is expressed in the attached letter "INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES", PTO-1474.

12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified copy has been received not been received

13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 O.G. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. Other

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The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Note that a "Summary of the Invention" (including a subheading) should be provided for this application. Page 1, line 23, note that "the created structure" should be rephrased for clarity (e.g. --the resultant structure --). In the replacement paragraph starting at ~~page~~ 7, line 33, note that the amended limitation "towards the around cable 61" is vague in meaning and needs clarification. Appropriate correction is required.

The drawings are objected to because of the following: In all drawing figures, note that proper cross-hatching for all dielectric materials should be provided. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The following claims have been found objectionable for reasons set forth below:

In claim 5, note that "formed" should be rewritten as --defined-- for a better characterization.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Ishikawa

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Note that fig. 2 discloses a transmission cable arrangement having a cavity (513) disposed within a substrate (1) and defined by opposing surfaces upon which the signal conductor (3) is disposed on a rectangular support (5) which is mounted in the cavity such that the surface of the signal conductor is parallel to and also positioned between the opposing surfaces of the substrate. Moreover, note that a ground layer (2) is disposed on one of the opposed surfaces of the substrate.

Regarding claim 4, note from Fig. 20 that the support (5) has a "T" shaped configuration.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa.

While the raised support has a "rectangular" shape, obviously alternate yet equivalent shapes (e.g. square, being a special case or "rectangular" would have been suggested).

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa in view of Mooney et al (of record).

Ishikawa discloses the claimed invention except that it's signal conductors sit within the cavity in an "upright" rather than "inverted" manner.

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Mooney et al (e.g. Figs. 7A, 7B) disclose a signal conductor (56) disposed in a cavity (70) of a substrate (52) and further including a ground layer (58) arranged such that the signal conductor (56) and ground layer (58) constitute an inverted microstrip circuit.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious in view of the references, taken as a whole, to have alternatively realized the "upright" microstrip circuit of Ishikawa as an "inverted" microstrip circuit such as exemplarily taught by Mooney et al. Such a modification would have been obvious given the same field of endeavor of the references (i.e. both disclose locating a signal conductor within a cavity of a substrate relative to a ground layer as to realize a microstrip circuit), and thus would have suggested the compatibility of the proposed combination, thereby suggesting the obviousness thereof.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 5, 6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bergstegt et al discloses a microstrip formed within a cavity of a substrate.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Benny Lee at telephone number (703) 308-4902.

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Examiner's Name: BENNY T. LEE PRIMARY EXAMINER: ART UNIT 2817 GAU: _____